

2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

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St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG **Parish**

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Response to the Psalm:

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A light for revelation to the gentiles,

And for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Saturday 1st February

44.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 2nd February

9.30 am Aloysius

Williams (Lee RIP) 90th B'Day; Tony Hall (Wexford);

11.30 am St Mary's

Preece; Louise Hopkins; Jason and Clive Watkins

Vigil ; The Presentation of the Lord (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Tom Keohane; Jeff Keohane;

The Presentation of the Lord (Year C)

Gavin Fitton; Cormack O'Sullivan (Anniv); Maurice Nelson; Patricia

Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Bess, Cliff and Carl

Monday 3rd February

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 4th February

9.30 am St Aloysius

Wednesday 5th February

10.00 am St Mary's

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Thursday 6th February

10.00 St Mary's

Friday 7th February

10.00 am St Mary's

.Saturday 8th February

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 9th February

9.30 am St Aloysius

Nelson;

11.30 am St Mary's

St Ansgar, Bishop, St Blasé, Bishop, Martyr.

School Mass

St Agatha , Virgin, Martyr

NO MASS

REQUIM MASS – PATRICIA HOWELLS (GOGGIN)

St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Vigil : Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Nora and Bruce O'Sullivan;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

John Peter Rafferty; Imelda O'Sullivan (Anniv); Timothy Moran; Maurice

Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Deacon David O'Keefe; Jimmy Llewellyn; Mary and Stan Jones;

Requiescat in pace: Maurice Nelson; Kevin McSweeney; Myfidad Illari; Jean Coffey Pyke;

Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh; Josie Baldwin; Irene O'Connell; Patricia Howells; Patrick O'Brien

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAMES NORRIS

Thank you all for your warm welcome and kindness shown to me when I was supplying for Canon the last two weekends. It is always a joy to be in Merthyr, to celebrate Masses in your beautiful churches, to enjoy your friendship and company. I pray for you all that God will bless you and keep you safe. Father James.

ST ILLTYD'S CHURCH

We have decided that due to the ongoing renovations at St Illtyd's, we are unable to keep the church open for Mass on Sundays, as we are unable to guarantee safety. However, mass will be held at St Aloysius at 9.30 am Sunday morning starting from 9th February until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and support

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION MARKS WORLD DAY FOR CONCECRATED LIFE

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to Canon Barry if you have any questions.

The Presentation of Jesus (2 February), also known as the Purification of the Virgin or Candlemas, falls on the 40th day after Christmas. It is a pivot point in the year, where we turn away from the festivities of Christmastide and look towards the cross, and beyond

that to the empty tomb. Traditionally, candles to be used during the year were brought into the church on this day to be blessed, hence the name 'Candlemas'.

St Illtyd's Lottery 26th January

Numbers: 6, 12, 15, 24 No Winner

Next Draw 2nd February £2825

St Mary's Lottery 26th January

Numbers 2, 4, 6, 7, No Winner

Lucky Dip:

Next Draw 2nd February £2850

HEALING IN MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. We help couples whose relationships '*need a little help*' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. A survey of past couples who experienced the programme - 75% of couples were still together five years later - gave feedback that it restored trust and healing to their marriage where other strategies had failed.

We offer a programme where couples learn tools to restore trust in their marriage - *to rediscover love or relationship*. Pope Francis recently wrote in his book: "Hope Is A Light In The Night": *Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.*

There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped many thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ...27 February to 2 March 2025 Call or text 0788 7296983 Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk www.retrouvaille.org.uk

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Please consider making Nominations for the Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees. Any nominee will need to agree to be put forward and will need a proposer and a seconder.

Nomination forms and posting boxes will be available at the back of all our Churches.

The Parish Finance Committee has been working well in supporting Canon since the summer of 2023. All current members of the Finance Committee have declared availability to continue.

However, the Pastoral Committee needs to be revitalised. It is this Committee which assists in enriching our Parish life and would benefit from committed individuals coming forward. Please give this important matter proper consideration.